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EDITORIAL OPINION

VOLUME "63"

In passing, we mention that this week The Times-Virginian begins its 63rd year of newspaper publishing. This issue is Volume 63, Number 1.

The earliest issues of this paper in our files are dated in January, 1892. In bound volumes, we have copies for all the years since. The paper has been under its present ownership since September, 1931.

So far as we know, this is Appomattox County's oldest continuous business. We are grateful for the public support which has kept the county newspaper and job printing plant going through all the ups and downs since 1892.

"Standing On Their Own Feet"

Western Live Stock magazine recently summed up what it terms "the progress made by the beef cattle industry during a period which presented a real challenge to those engaged in it in one way or another."

It found that, save for the drouth stricken areas, 1954 was a year of progress so far as the general beef situation is concerned. Prices are stabilizing. A record production of beef is passing into the channels of consumption in an orderly fashion. Meat in storage has run at lower totals than last year.

The magazine also finds an encouraging factor in the nation-wide beef promotion campaign. This is an aggressive, voluntary effort, in which producers, packers and retailers have been cooperating to stimulate demand for beef. The story is told through newspapers and other advertising and promotional media. Emphasis is placed on the less expensive cuts of beef, which give consumers top value for their money. Results to date indicate that the campaign has been highly successful.

At the end, Western Live Stock said: "Standing on their own feet, beef cattle producers are fighting their way through their problems toward eventual stability for one of the country's greatest industries."

A. H. S. to play Madison Heights in basketball here January 7.

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COMPETITION DEMANDS IT

We are always interested in the annual business forecast of Roger Babson. He is a recognized authority in the field of business prediction. We have just read his predictions for 1955. By and large, they are optimistic.

Here is one prediction from Mr. Babson: ADVERTISING. I forecast business spending in this field will increase further in 1955. It not only is the salvation of individual businesses, but is the best stimulant for national prosperity.

This is a merited tribute to advertising. Unless there is public demand for goods and services, there will be a breakdown in our economy. No use manufacturing products for which there is no demand. No use in offering jobs if you cannot sell the product. Advertising sells the goods and that makes possible our vast industrial system. And in 1955 competition for the favor of the buying public will become sharper. The money spent for advertising will increase, says Mr. Babson, and if anyone in America knows, it is likely to be Mr. Babson.

HIGHWAY TAX DIVERSION

(Baltimore News-Post)

Wyoming recently became the twenty-fifth state to forbid the diversion of higheway-user taxes to nonhighway purposes.

The first state to do so was Minnesota, in 1920, and the legislation has slowly spread. Seven states have banned such tax diversion since the end of World War II.

Maryland does not practice such diversion, except for support of the State Police, the Traffic Court and the Motor Vehicle Commissioner's office, which are connected with the control and policing of the roads and production of the money in question.

It usually comes as a great surprise to the citizens of those states that practice gas and weight tax money diversion when they are informed that the taxes they pay do not go for roads specifically but into the general fund.

In the past 30 years approximately four billion dollars have been collected from highway users but not spent on roads.

Such diversion is still going on —in 24 states—despite a crucial need everywhere for more highway funds.

LUXURY HOMES FOR THE STAFF

(The Richmond News-Leader)

The State Hospital Board, which sometimes exhibits a genius for poor public relations, has done it again. At a time when the board is earnestly, desperately seeking funds to replace antiquated buildings at Virginia's mental institutions, the board also has asked funds to cover an incredible array of luxurious staff houses at the various hospitals.

The disparity between cramped quarters for patients and rambling houses for doctors would be too great for the ordinary taxpayer to understand. The board has submitted requests to the State Capital Outlay Study Commission for five staff residences in the hospital system, at $42,000 each; two at $36,000 each; 42 at $30,000 each, and 65 at $20,000 each. These figures include furnishings, but even so the requests will antagonize both taxpayers and legislators—and it is upon taxpayers and legislators that the board must rely for support of its essential building program.

In fairness to the Virginia board it should be noted that the requested staff housing is not out of line with such housing in other states. Unable to pay capable psychiatrists even half of what they can earn in private practice, the States use luxurious houses as lures, offering them rent free or at very modest rents. The difficulties are heightened because the States bid against each other: Virginia charges a doctor $84 a month rent on a staff house while neighboring Tennessee not only provides rent free quarters but also pays for food and other maintenance costs.

But to acknowledge this condition is not to condone it. Virginia's board lost far more in legislative sympathy and public support in building the magnificant superintendent's mansion at Dunbar than it possibly could have gained in competitive advantage. Boards in other States should be made to understand that taxpayers can get their backs up in a hurry at what seems to them needless luxury for public servants. And when the taxpayer is asked to put up $20,000 for a home for the dairyman at Petersburg Training School, he is quite likely to balk at putting up anything for the Petersburg Training School. This newspaper has campaigned for 10 years in support of the mental hospitals' needs, but we stop short here and now at multple car garages that would cost $3,300 at Central State, $90,000 at Eastern and $50,000 at Western.

Board Member Parke Rouse questioned the wisdom of providing staff homes during a meeting of the board last week. His fellow members would be well advised to look again at a policy calculated to attract doctors but to repel legislators.

THE CHALLENGE OF CHANGE

A short time ago the Farm Equipment Institute held its 61st national convention in Chicago. One speaker was an executive of a leading rubber company, and his topic was "The Challenge of Change." Agriculture, he pointed out, went through century after century with very little change. But, he continued, "when the revolutionary era of power machinery did hit, the impact it made was without precedent."

Just how thorough that revolution has been is indicated by a little set of statistics. In 1910, which was only yesterday as history is measured, the horse and mule population stood at 24,211,000. Now it is about 2,750,000, and most of those are in the pleasure-animal classification. To quote the speaker again, "We saw the internal combustion engine surplant the horse and mule forever as the main source of farm power."

Has the revolution been completed? The answer is no—it is continuing with full force and vigor. The farmer wants better, more efficient and economical machines, and the equipment manufacturers are seeing that he gets them. And, as time wears on, he will need many more machines in order to provide from a virtually fixed acreage, the food and fiber needed by a greatly expanded population.

None has had greater experience with the challenge of change than the farmer. —Selected.

COMES A NEW YEAR

Comes now a New Year in a very old world. An old world, yes. And yet an ageless, timeless world. A world that patiently provisions pilgrims who walk their little way into the everness of an eternal plan.

A changing world, we say. And so it ever was, and will be. Backward so far as the record runs, forward to generations unconceived in the genitals of generations yet unborn, courses the changeless channel of change.

A changing world. And each New Year a symbol, and a sign. No man has lived, or ever will, free from the challenge of change. Each comes upon the earth a pioneer. Whether his destiny be to alter the countnance of a continent, to lighten the labor of unmet millions, or to become the most dependable carpenter in Conley county, he must stand undismayed in the dawn of a tomorrow that is never fashioned in the image of yesterday.

The challenge of change is man's mentor. Once he has mastered the prime art of living fearless and forthright in his time and of his time, he will not be lured to repose upon the insubstantial wraiths of a departed era.

The message of the New Year is that we shall spend our differing days as we come upon them, adventuring confidently in the perishable present. For time is not a currency to be vaulted away. The spent vitamins of yesterday will not suffice to meet the nutritional needs of a troubled tomorrow. Of the coming day we know only that it will manifest new patterns, present new problems and perplexities, new tests, and if we are well resolved, new triumphs.

January is traditionally a time of inventory and introspection. A New Year is spread before us. A good year. Meet it gladly, rejoicing that a man's true age is measured by his courage rather than his calendar. —Quote.

Trouble Getting Your Car Fixed?

Getting a car repaired today is more complicated because of the shortage of good professional mechanics. There are only some 560,000 qualified mechanics available to fix the estimated 48,000,000 pleasure cars on the road. Before World War 11, 500,000 qualified mechanics could more adequately handle the existing 27,000,000 cars.

—Changing Times.

IT'S ONLY MONEY

(Winchester Star)

The U. S. mint, which is not in the habit of playing Santa Claus, is as red-faced as the old boy with the whiskers. It began with the accidental shipment of 3,000,000 silver dollars to Federal Reserve Banks in the Philadelphia area. Employees at the mint in the City of Brotherly Love evpressed somewhat more affection than intended by mistakenly placing a rare series of the coins in circulation.

These silver dollars were minted in the 1880s and held in reserve as a specific "back-up" for silver certificates then in use. Soon afterward, however, the paper currency became redeemable in any type of silver and the silver pieces in time became collectors' items. The most recent value placed on them ranged from $2 to $17 each.

Main consolation the mint folks have is that the law of supply and demand will now take over. Rareness and mass availability of an item are contradictory terms. The broadside circulation of the hitherto rare silver dollars has driven their value down to $1.

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Clover Hill, Jan. 4.- Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Johnson on Saturday evening were Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Hanenkrat, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Keyes and Carolyn Keyes, and Mr. and Mrs. Twyman Baldwin and Kenneth and Nancy Baldwin.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Torrence and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Torrence motored to Raleigh, N. C. Saturday to see Dr. Fred Drinkard, who remains ill at Rex Hospital A telephone call Sunday from a sister at Raleigh reported Dr. Drinkard some better.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Kidd visited relatives near Scottsville Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Richardson and family spent Sunday in Amherst with Mr. and Mrs. Carey Jefferson.

Saturday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Torrence were Mrs. W. L. Turnes, Mrs. Robert Coleman and Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Covington.

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Torrence entertained their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Torrence and son, Jimmy Torrence at a dinner Sunday at the Parkway Restaurant.

Miss June Conner and Mr. Don Thornhill visited Mr. and Mrs. Acree Devin, of Wyliesburg Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Lewis spent last Friday with relatives at Victoria.

Miss Nettie O'Brien visited in Amherst last Wednesday.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Gowin during the Christmas holidays included Mrs. J. A. Saxton and Mrs. Raymond Saxton and children Jean and Sandy, of Roanoke; Mrs. Ray Saxton and daughter, Vicki and Mrs. Summers Gobble and daughter Louise, of Baltimore, Md.; Mr. Major Gowin, of Lynchburg; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bollinger and sons, Jimmy and Bobby, of Norfolk; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Handy and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Handy.

Mrs. Ben Wheeler and infant son Sydney David, returned home Sunday from Virginia Baptist Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Otway Martin and family spent the week-end in Pulaski with Mrs. Martin's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hanson. Mrs. T. H. Trent, who has been visiting the Hansons returned home with Mr. and Mrs. Martin.

Saturday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Berkley Ferguson were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Taylor, of Lynchburg and Mr. and Mrs. Garland Huffman, of Amherst.

The Clover Hill Home Demonstration Club will meet Tuesday, January 11 at 2:00 P. M. with Mrs. W. H. Conner. Mrs. Russell Conner will serve as co-hostess.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Vernelle Mitchell on New Year's Day were Mrs. E. F. Burnette, Mrs. Hunter Ferguson and daughter Anne; Mrs. Page Foster and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Finch and daughter, Janet, all of Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell and family visited relatives in Green County Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Harvey and Mr. and Mrs. George Wells spent the Christmas holiday with Mrs. Harvey's brothers, Thomas and Claude Woody and their families, of Newport News.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Smith, of Clifton Forge were New Year's Day guests of the Harveys.

Mr. and Mrs. Lathan Harvey spent Christmas with Mrs. Harvey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Tatum, of Cumberland.

New Year's Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Carter were Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Thompson and daughter, Cynthia, of Charlottesville.

Mr. and Mrs. Carter visited Mrs. Carter's sister, Mrs. K. B. Oakley at Arrington Sunday.

Christmas visitors of Mrs. Wilson Paulette were her two sons and their families: Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Paulette and children, Dennis and Debbie, of Richmond, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Paulette, of Newark, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Gordon, Jr., had as their dinner guests on New Year's Day, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Ray Gordon, of Falls Church, and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Gordon.

Mr. and Mrs. K. V. Barlow and Miss Nina Barlow, of Appomattox and Mr. Eugene Garner, of Farmville were Christmas breakfast guests of the J. L. Gordons Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Johnson and Mrs. Milton Martin and daughter, Kitty spent Saturday in Lynchburg with Mrs. Hugh Bolton.

Sunday guests of the Johnsons were Lt. and Mrs. W. N. Smith, of Lynchburg.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. J. P. Johnson in the death of her aunt, Mrs. Lottie Durrum, of Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Torrence and family spent New Year's Eve with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hancock, of Richmond.

TO THE HOMEMAKER

By: Aubrey S. Robinson, Home Economist

Va. Electric Electric & Power

Dishes From Leftover Turkey

Turkey Cream Pie

Line casserole with your favorite pastry recipe. Fill with alternate layers of pieces of cold turkey dressing, small slices of cooked turkey or sauteed mushrooms.

Pour a generous amount of leftover gravy over each layer (extend gravy with medium white sauce if necessary). (It takes 2 to 3 cups of meat, 1 cup stuffing). Roll out remaining pastry to fit top. Cut slits in top. Place over filling. Brush pastry with slightly beaten egg. Bake at 425 degrees (hot oven) for 25 to 30 minutes. Serve hot.

Hot Curried Turkey

- 1 c. minced celery
- 2 tbsp. butter
- 1 tbsp. lemon juice
- 2 c. cooked or canned turkey cut in large pieces
- 1 c. water
- 2 cans cream of celery or mushroom soup
- 1/4 c. mayonnaise
- 1-3 oz. can whole mushrooms
- 1sp. curry powder
- 2 tsp. grated onion
- 1/4 tsp. salt.

Saute celery with butter in skillet until tender. Mix in remaining ingredients and heat until bubbling. Serve over toast or cooked rice.

Business Firms Get Questionnaire

Report forms of the 1954 Census of Business are being mailed to Virginia retail, wholesale and service businesses, theaters and other amusement places, hotels and tourist courts, early in January by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce. The report forms answer only a minimum of basic inquiries.

Appomattox is a growing town.

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SECONDARY ROAD WORK OFF IN 1954 IN VA.

Approximately 1,000 miles of roads were hard surfaced and 186 bridges were constructed on Virginia's secondary system during 1954, the State Highway Department reported today.

Although the mileage hard surfaced was slightly less than during 1953, the Department had more jobs underway at the end of the year and many of them are scheduled for hard surfacing next spring.

About 16,000 miles of Virginia's 40,000 mile secondary road system in 96 counties are hard surfaced. Arlington and Henrico Counties maintain their own secondary highways.

In the year's secondary program, engineers said, greater emphasis was put on widening and draining roadbeds to prepare them for hard surfacing later. Special attention also was given to strengthening of weak roads, strengthening or replacing weak bridges, eliminating fords, curve superelevation, and trimming roadside brush to provide greater sight distance.

The use of calcium chloride to provide relief from dust and to preserve road surfaces was expanded to include "stage construction" projects as well as roads near churches, schools, homes and business establishments.

Other improvements on the secondary system included the surface retreatment of 1,900 miles of road, strengthening about 2,000 miles of unpaved roads with stone, gravel or other material to make them suitable for all-weather travel, and replacement of 162 weak structures by the installation of culverts.

Major bridges completed cost about $750,000 and included new structures over Smith River, Route 622 in Henry County, on Route 604 over the Appomattox River between Amelia and Powhatan Counties, over the Chickahominy river on Route 609 between Charles City and New Kent, over Swift Creek on Route 631 in Chesterfield, over the Nottoway River on Route 653 in Southampton County and on Route 626 in Sussex County.

SOCIAL SECURITY MAKES RECORDS ESSENTIAL

For some time it has been necessary that many farmers keep records on money paid out for labor in order that proper reports and payment of funds could be made on farm laborers on account of Social Security. Though farm record keeping has always been a useful tool in appraising one's progress, it has often been a despised and neglected chore.

With the inclusion of self-employed farmers in the Social Security system, effective January 1, 1955, accurate record keeping will quickly become a must. Net earnings will govern the extent of contributions, hence the necessity for a bit of record keeping.

It is expected too, that thousands of additional farm workers, not heretofore eligible, wil be brought under the system. This will necessitate accurate record keeping, for the new law brings old-age and survivors insurance protection to all farm workers who earn as much as $100 cash pay in a year from any one farmer.

VA. MANUFACTURERS TO REPORT IN CENSUS

Early in January, report forms of the 1954 Census of Manufactures are being mailed to all Virginia manufacturers by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce. The information requested of manufacturing firms in this canvess will enable the Census Bureau to modernize the detailed manufactures statistics, now of the vintage of 1947, for states and smaller areas.

An estimated 275,000 manufacturing establishments throughout the United States will receive the forms of the 1954 census.

The 1947 census showed 3,644 manufacturing establishments in Virginia with value added by manufacture of $1,051.6 million, an average of 216,637 employees for the year, and salaries and wages of $483,994 million.

Appomattox is a growing town.

WARY DUCKS AND GEESE FLY HIGH

According to Roland O. Halstead, supervising warden for the Hampton Roads District, for the Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries, the ever-increasing hunting pressure is reflected in the wariness of waterfowl, both geese and ducks. Halstead says that waterfowl from Alaska across Central Canada begin to be shot at in September when the season opens on the northern breeding grounds and the bombardment continues every day except in a few states which prohibit Sunday hunting. Because of this, both geese and ducks are flying higher and respond less readily to the call of the hunters with each passing year.

Halstead's statement is borne out by complaints of hunters both along the coast and inland waters of Virginia who say there are ducks and geese in the area where they are hunting but that they are flying too high for their guns.

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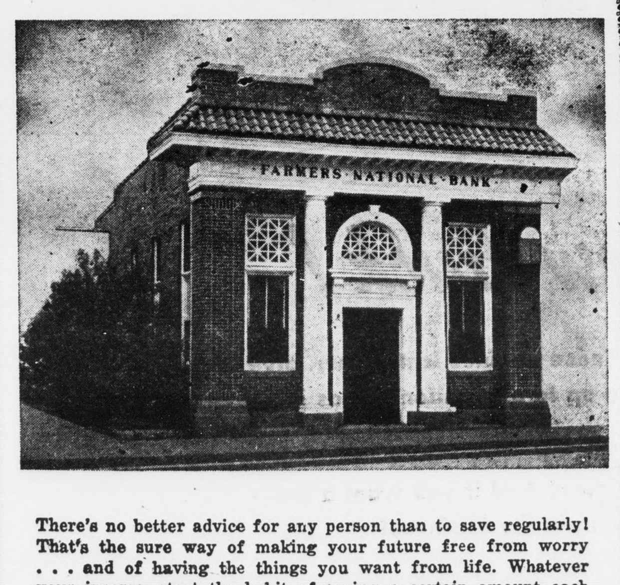

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